

## Jasper County Animal Control Board

### Public Meeting

October 10, 2017

Board President, Del Cleek called the meeting to order at approximately 6:09 P.M. at the Rensselaer Branch of the Jasper County Library. Board members in attendance were: Del Cleek, Nancy Shull, Janice Mallory, Marissha Mathews, Jerry Furst, new board member Tammy Burkett and Shelter Director, Mark Sinclair.

The minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting had been e-mailed. Nancy moved to approve the minutes as presented, Jerry seconded and the minutes were approved. The September 12<sup>th</sup> minutes had also been e-mailed. Nancy moved to accept the minutes as presented, Jerry seconded and the minutes were approved.

Shelter Director, Mark Sinclair discussed the reports that were e-mailed. He stated that there were two reports of dogs attacking goats. One is a shepherd mix and the other was mutt. Mark and staff are working on those cases. Took in seventeen dogs and thirty-one cats last month. Mark reported that they had their first cat “re-claim” since he has been at the shelter. Dog re-claims are frequent, but not cats. 129 adoptions year to date. Last year’s total was 135 so we are going to pass that number. Mark is still researching builders for an addition. Mark stated that the investigation training he attended in St. Louis last month was very good. Mark had been scheduled to attend training in Illinois this month, but the Commissioners denied the funds for the training. Commissioner Culp stated that the training was beyond the scope of Mark’s duties? The training will not be in the area again until 2019. Kelly will be attending one in Indianapolis in November which Mark has already attended.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Welcome to new board member Tammy Burkett with the Jasper County Sheriff’s department. Discussion ensued regarding cats in Jasper County. Mark explained that cats aren’t considered feral once they are fed and once a party feeds the cat it is considered “custody and control” and that cat becomes theirs.

Jan questioned the policy of rabies shots when pet is owner surrender. Mark explained that people are asked to go get the rabies shot for \$25 or face a \$125 citation for the lack of rabies shots. Del asked for confirmation on the spay/neuter policy. Procedure must be PRE-PAID for spay/neuter.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mark reported that he and Vickie will be attending the 2017 Regional Animal Services Training Summit. It is about how to improve shelter operations and it is at Brookfield Zoo.

The Great Dane that had been posted was neutered and adopted out.

### **Citizen Comment Time**

No citizens were in attendance.

After discussion regarding the budget cuts and the lack of support from the County Council and Commissioners, it was decided that there will be an executive board meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss further.

With no further business, Del asked for a motion to adjourn. Jan moved to adjourn and Nan seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Next meeting will be held November 13, 2017 @ 6 p.m.

Submitted by

Del Cleek, Board President